

NO PEACE PROSPECT.

England and Russia Continue Active War Preparations.

A Belief Gaining Ground That War Will Be Declared Before May 1.—Russia Attempts to Buy Arms in England—The War to be a Religious One as Well as Political—Gladstone's Statement to-Day.

LONDON, April 24.—Military preparations continue unabated, and the reserves are rapidly mobilizing. Barracks throughout the Kingdom are preparing quarters for a possible call on the militia. The ammunition factories belonging to the Government up to the present have been unable to supply all demands, but numerous offers have been received from private firms capable of efficient work.

SATISFACTION FOR PEACE.—The Standard says: "The Russian position in the relations between England and Russia continues, but as yet there has been no absolute diplomatic rupture. That is the least disquieting form in which the truth can be told. The deadlock is not a white line, because the time has passed without bringing the crisis war. It is no longer a question of disputed frontier. We believe negotiations on that subject are for the moment at a standstill. Satisfaction for the incident monopolizes the whole regard of the ministers and ambassadors. The more it is discussed, the more hopelessly remote appears the prospect of an agreement. In demanding satisfaction, England is simply telling the Russians that she will not permit them to remain under the authority of the Czar that if they persist in the old game, they will no longer play with impunity."

VERY CRITICAL.—The Times says: "There is no reason why the crisis should not suddenly become acute if Russia advances, and the maintenance of a diplomatic relations will lead to no useful end. The withdrawal of the Russian fleet from the Baltic Sea will not necessarily lead to a final rupture, but will, however, accentuate the position and warn other powers of the necessity of bringing immediate pressure to bear on Russia if they wish to avert war."

BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.—The opinion is gaining ground at Berlin that war will be declared before the end of the month.

DE GIER'S SUCCESSOR.—It is rumored that Bismarck, the Russian Ambassador at Vienna, will succeed M. de Gier in the event of his resignation, which appears to be likely.

A RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL WAR.—A deputation of Germanists is to be sent from Osnabrück to the court of Bismarck and to the Khan of Khiva, pointing out the fact that the war between Russia and England will have religious as well as a political character, which will menace the independence of their faith. Another deputation of Mohammedans will ask for assistance and urge the Turks to seize the chance of freeing themselves from Russia's yoke.

REFUSED A RUSSIAN ORDER.—The Armstrong Works, Newcastle, having received an order from Russia for a large quantity of war material, have declined to fill it, and have given notice to the British admiralty of the nature of the order.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION BROKEN.—The telegraphic line between Meshed and Teheran, Persia, is broken. Sir Peter Lumsden, the chief of the British commission to arrange the boundary between Russia and Afghanistan, is thus prevented from communicating direct with London.

GLADSTONE ON THE WAR QUESTION.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. Henry Labouchere and Mr. Henry Richard, both radicals, asked whether or not the Government before deciding to go to war with Russia, would seek the offices of a friendly power to obtain a peaceable settlement. Mr. Gladstone replied that never during the present correspondence with Russia, or the discussion of serious questions at present before Parliament, had the Government said anything in prejudice of the idea advanced by the questioners. As, however, every answer made by the Government to interrogatories put in the House of Commons, was an announcement to Russia, the Government, Mr. Gladstone said, has decided that it was neither advisable or consistent to make declarations to Russia through Parliament.

12:30 P. M.—Consols opened at 95 1/2 for both accounts, and continue steady at that figure. This is 1-16 below the close last night. Russian securities are quoted at 85.

1 P. M.—Consols have advanced to 95 1/2 for both accounts.

1:30 P. M.—Consols 95 1/2 for both accounts. Russian securities 85 1/2.

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ORDERED ON THE ACTIVE LIST.—ST. PETERSBURG, April 24.—It is stated here that naval officers, who had been retired on half pay have been ordered upon the active list, pending the issue of the controversy between England and Russia regarding Afghan affairs.

ITALY DESIRES TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.—ROME, April 24.—The newspaper Popolo Romano states that Italy is desirous of maintaining neutrality in the event of a war between Russia and England.

DOUGLAS A VOTE.—The Illinois Legislature considers bills and expenses of Douglas.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.—SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 24.—The House adopted a resolution introduced by the Committee on Contingent Expenses, allowing eight members and the clerk of the committee which visited the Chester, Joliet and Pontiac prisons the net sum of \$303.50 for "expenses."

THE HOUSE HAS VOTED.—The House has voted on the bill for the relief of the House of Representatives, which was introduced by Campbell of Hamilton, which, as amended in the Senate, changes the time of holding Circuit Court in White, Pulaski and Williamson Counties. The House will consider the Senate amendments. The Senate amendments, which were introduced by the Senate, were not voted on.

THE MORNING SESSION.—The House was entirely devoted to the reconsideration of two drainage bills introduced by Mr. Ruby and Mr. Webster, each of which were passed by the House yesterday. Both bills were passed by the House yesterday. The House will consider the Senate amendments.

THE MISSING GARDNER BOYS.—No Clue to Their Whereabouts—Old Fellow's Meeting—Jefferson's Findings.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.—JEFFERSON CITY, April 24.—The Saline County Loan Company of Marshall, capital \$25,000, and the Howard Land and Improvement Company of St. Louis, capital \$50,000, each filed articles with the Secretary of State today. No further news has been heard from the two missing sons of Gardner at Jefferson Station, reported in yesterday's Post-Dispatch, except that urgent search was made last night without making any discovery. The fact that they were murdered by their father and accepted by him is strongly adhered to by many.

THE NEW CODE.

Messrs. Winter and Bogy Appeal to the Fist, Not the Pistol.

A Fight in a Pine Street Stable Under the Marquis of Queensberry Rules Between Two Well-Known Young Society Men—The Story of the Battle, Which Was Interrupted After Four Rounds by the Police.

THE NORTHWEST WAR.—More Devility by the Indians and Half-Breed Hehela.

BATTLEFIELD, N. W. T., April 24, 1 A. M.—Another Hudson Bay warehouse was burned this morning. A scout just in says the other party is in camp on the south side of the Battle River this morning and will cross to-morrow. The scout returned to report the situation here. Mounted Indians are riding excitedly about the hills south of town. Signal fires are seen in all directions. The garrison is kept under arms all night, and the situation is considered critical. Judge Bousha's house has been kept under guard since the attack on the Hudson Bay warehouse.

REACHED BATTLEFIELD.—WESTPORT, April 24.—Hutchinson's advance relief command of mounted police has reached Battlefield. The Indians are leaving.

CONFESSION TO THE HALF-BREDS.—ORTA, April 24.—In his instructions the Northwest Commission says that the Government must deem it expedient to satisfy the claims existing in connection with the extinguishment of the Indian title in the following manner: By granting to every half-breed head of a family, who resided on the side of Manitoba previous to July 15, 1870, the land of which he is at present in bona fide occupancy, to the extent of 160 acres, and if the land he is cultivating is less than 160 acres, the difference is to be made up to him in the issue of scrip redeemable in land at the rate of \$1 per acre; and in the case of a half-breed head of a family residing in the Territories previous to July 15, 1870, who is not in bona fide occupancy, the same shall be issued to him in scrip to the extent of 160 acres; by granting to each half-breed child born outside of Manitoba, previous to July 15, 1870, the lot of land which he has at present an undisturbed occupancy, to the extent of 80 acres, or its equivalent in scrip.

GEN. GRANT.—Plans for the Summer Season—Out for a Drive.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Gen. Grant did not go to his room from the library, where the family and ex-Gov. Stanford were, until 11 o'clock last night, being somewhat fatigued with his exercise during the day and his mind being occupied with the subjects of family chat during the evening. The General was wakened at about 1 o'clock, when he fell asleep and slept until 11 o'clock this morning. Less than the usual amount of morphine was administered during the night. It is probable that the General and family will spend the month of July at or near Saratoga, and the month of August will be passed on the Catskills.

TAKING HIS DRIVE.—General Grant went out at 12 o'clock for his drive, accompanied by Dr. S. Grant, Jr., Mrs. General Grant and Mrs. Dent.

FINANCES OF THE RAIL.—Quarterly Statement of the Wash and Other Railroads.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The London papers of April 11 publish the following statement of the Wash and other railroads for the three months ending February 28, 1885. Gross earnings, \$1,849,000. Net earnings, \$1,849,000. Dividend, \$1,849,000. The annual report of the Chicago, Paul, Milwaukee and Omaha Railroad Company for the year ending February 28, 1885, is published today. The report shows a net income of \$1,849,000. The annual report of the Chicago, Paul, Milwaukee and Omaha Railroad Company for the year ending February 28, 1885, is published today. The report shows a net income of \$1,849,000.

WOODROW'S ORTHODOXY.—The Augusta, Ga., Presbytery Refuses to Try the Doctor for Heresy.

ACROSTIA, GA., April 24.—The Augusta Presbytery, after investigating the question of Dr. James Woodrow's orthodoxy in reference to his teachings in the Columbia Theological Seminary on evolution, resolved: "First, We find nothing that warrants a trial for heresy; second, as no one appears or offers to make out charges, no process can be instituted. See Book of Discipline, chapter on heresy." "Resolved, That our action in this matter is not to be questioned by any synod or conference." Dr. Woodrow was present at the meeting and notified the president of the Augusta Synod that he would explain of their action to the synod of Georgia held at Marietta in 1885.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETING POSTPONED.—PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 24.—The special meeting of the American Base-Ball Association, which was to have been held in this city to-day to consider the recent action of the League in regard to the contract jumpers, has been postponed until next Monday afternoon, because certain delegates could not come to Pittsburgh before that time. Telegrams received indicate a growing feeling of indignation against the League for reinstating the black-listed players.

THE WEEK'S FAILURES.—NEW YORK, April 24.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days, as reported to J. L. Day & Co. of the Mercantile Agency, number for the United States \$15, and for Canada \$5, or a total of \$20, against a total of \$22 last week and \$25 the week previous to the last. More than two-thirds of the failures to the United States, were furnished by the Southern, Western and Pacific States.

A BIG CONTRACT SUIT.—PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 24.—Eben M. Horton of New York has entered suit in the United States Court against Messrs. Howe & Co., steel manufacturers of this city, for alleged breach of contract. Horton claims that the defendants refused to deliver a large order of steel rails which they had contracted to deliver to him. The suit was filed yesterday.

MISSOURI POSTMASTER COMMISSIONED.—By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Commissions were issued to-day to the following Missouri postmasters: James B. Jones, Hannibal; F. W. F. T. Ashland, Boone County; John M. Mitchell, Oregon, Clinton County; and James Redding, O'Neill, DeKalb County.

CASED A \$300,000 DAMAGE.—SOUTH FRANKLIN, Mass., April 24.—The large boot and shoe factory of Bridges & Co. was yesterday destroyed by fire this morning. The loss on buildings and stock will amount to about \$300,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

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